

JOHN T. GLYNN.

JUNE 8, 1910.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HAWLEY, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 11777.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11777) for the relief of John T. Glynn, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass.

The facts are sufficiently stated in the following communications:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, February 3, 1910.

DEAR SIR: I beg to acknowledge the receipt, by your reference of the 28th ultimo, of House bill, now before the Committee on Claims for consideration, for the relief of John T. Glynn, in the sum of \$125, to reimburse him for damages to his clothing and for hospital charges incurred as the result of assisting an inspector of this department in serving warrants of arrest on certain aliens.

On May 5, 1909, Mr. Glynn, who is chief of detectives of the city of Leavenworth, Kans., was detailed by the chief of police, upon request of A. A. Seraphic, an immigrant inspector in the service of this department, to assist the said inspector in serving warrants of arrest on several Greek aliens who worked on the river a few miles from Leavenworth, and as there was no possible way of reaching the place at the time except by hiring a team, the two officers drove to Leavenworth Junction, walked some distance, placed the aliens under arrest, and returned to the place where they lived. As the aliens were willing to accompany the inspector to Kansas City and the electric car line that runs from Leavenworth to Kansas City was but two blocks distant from where the aliens were, the inspector paid the liveryman, who, with Mr. Glynn, returned with the team, on which return trip the horses ran away, Mr. Glynn being thrown out and sustaining, among other injuries, a fracture of the jawbone, which caused him considerable trouble, and for which he was obliged to consult a specialist. It appears from the correspondence on file that he was quite severely injured, being rendered unconscious, from which condition he did not recover until about twenty-four hours later in the hospital.

On June 19, 1909, a letter was received from Inspector Seraphic, in which that officer strongly urged that Mr. Glynn be reimbursed for the expenses which he was obliged to meet in consequence of the accident, but the department was unable to take favorable action, no appropriation being available.

Mr. Glynn is commissioned as a special deputy at Leavenworth, without pay, and draws no salary from the United States marshal, with the exception of what is due him once in a great while when he serves a paper as a deputy United States marshal, and all the salary he receives is from the city of Leavenworth in his capacity as detective.

There is nothing on file indicating the amount incurred by Mr. Glynn by reason of the accident, but the department is of opinion that this officer should be reimbursed for what he was obliged to expend as a result of assisting an officer of this service in the discharge of his duty.

Very truly, yours,

BENJ. S. CABLE, *Acting Secretary.*

HON. GEORGE W. PRINCE,
Chairman Committee on Claims, House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, July 17, 1909.

MY DEAR MR. ANTHONY: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 12, transmitting certain papers in regard to the injury which was sustained by Mr. John T. Glynn, police detective and special deputy United States marshal at Leavenworth, Kans., who was assisting an inspector of the Immigration Service in locating certain aliens for whom warrants of arrest had been issued. It seems Mr. Glynn was using a horse and carriage as a means of transportation to the point where the aliens were located, but in returning to the city the horses ran away, as a consequence of which he was thrown out and severely injured.

Several communications have been received by the department in regard to reimbursing Mr. Glynn for the money he was obliged to spend, both to replace his clothing and also to pay his hospital bills. It is an unfortunate fact, however, that there is no appropriation available for the settlement of this account, and for that reason the department has been obliged to take no action upon the matter beyond the suggestion that Congress might make an appropriation for the relief of Mr. Glynn.

You may be certain that if any means existed whereby immediate payment for the damages could be made, that course would be adopted, as the department is of the opinion that this officer should be reimbursed for the amount he was obliged to expend in consequence of a praiseworthy effort to assist an immigration officer in the discharge of his duty. The papers transmitted by you are herewith returned, as requested.

Very truly, yours,

ORMSBY MCHARG,
Acting Secretary.

HON. D. R. ANTHONY, Jr.,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR,
IMMIGRATION SERVICE,
Chicago, Ill., June 26, 1909.

MY DEAR MR. GLYNN: Upon receipt of your second letter embodying your consent for me to submit your claim to the bureau I wrote a very strong letter, inclosing newspaper clippings, as also both your letters, and recommended favorable action concerning your reimbursement for the loss sustained in the accident by you while assisting me in serving warrants of the department. I am to-day in receipt of the following letter from the bureau, which I quote herewith for your information, and will state that I am exceedingly sorry that no other means are available than those suggested in the letter:

JUNE 24, 1909.

SIR: The bureau is in receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, transmitting two communications from John T. Glynn, a city detective and deputy United States marshal at Leavenworth, Kans., who was injured by a runaway during his return to Leavenworth after assisting you in the service of certain department warrants. A communication in this connection has already been received from United States Commissioner Lee Bond, of Leavenworth, and while the bureau strongly sympathizes with Mr. Glynn it is an unfortunate fact that there is no appropriation available whereby he can be reimbursed for the expenses which he was obliged to meet in consequence of the accident.

It appears to the bureau that action by Congress would be necessary to afford the relief sought, and in the event that Mr. Glynn succeeds in having a bill introduced for that purpose, and it should come before the bureau for an opinion, your statements in regard to the case will not fail to receive consideration.

Respectfully,

F. H. LARNED,
Acting Commissioner-General.

A. A. SERAPHIC,
Immigrant Inspector.

Trusting that you will be able to present a bill through your Congressman to Congress, I remain,

Very sincerely, yours,

A. A. SERAPHIC,
United States Immigrant Inspector.

MR. JOHN T. GLYNN,
Police Department, Leavenworth, Kans.